

REMARKS

I. Amendments to the Specification

The paragraph on page 6, line 30, of the application has been amended to correct a typographical error. The paragraphs on page 26, lines 5-10 and lines 11-14, of the application have been amended to refer to the proper reference numbers in FIG. 10. The paragraph on page 26 at lines 19-20 has been deleted. No new matter has been added by the amendments to the specification.

II. Withdrawn Species Claims

Applicants have canceled claims withdrawn from consideration in view of the Office action dated July 1, 2003. However, applicants note that certain of the claims withdrawn from consideration and required to be canceled in response to the Office action are species within the genus of claims allowed in the present application. Specifically, claim 23 properly depends from claim 1 and refers to the particular species of metals or metal alloys, while claims 30-32 properly depend from claim 29 and refer to particular species of bonding laminae. Applicants appreciate the allowance of the genus claims, but applicants are entitled to "a reasonable number of species embraced" by an allowed generic claim. MPEP § 809.02, 37 CFR § 1.141. Applicants therefore request allowance of species claims 23 and 30-32.

However, applicants do not want to delay issuance of the present application. Therefore, if the Examiner disagrees, applicants request that the Examiner cancel these claims by Examiner's amendment. Otherwise, applicants will be required to file a continuing application directed to such claims.


III. Drawings

Applicants have provided marked-up copies of the drawings to indicate the changes requested by this Amendment. Applicants also have provided formal drawings.

This application is in condition for issuance, and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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